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TAGS: CG, EAID, EFIN, PINS, MOPS

SUBJECT: BRIEFING HOST OFFICIALS ON PARIS MEETING ON ZAIRE

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1. CHARGE' BRIEFED MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS  
GARDINI JUNE 13 ON PARIS MEETING, AND EMBOFF MET SEPARATELY  
WITH MFA DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS RACHELE ON SAME SUBJECT.  
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AS REF A ARRIVED OVERNIGHT JUNE 12-13, WE WERE UNABLE TO  
CARRY OUT BRIEFINGS BEFORE OPENING OF BRUSSELS MEETING AS  
INSTRUCTED. SINCE REF B DID NOT REACH US UNTIL JUNE 14, WE  
USED TALKING POINTS AS PROVIDED REF A INCLUDING POINT ABOUT  
DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU.

2. MFA WAS GENERALLY AWARE OF OUTCOME OF PARIS MEETING

FOLLOWING BILATERAL BRIEFINGS IN ROME BY FRENCH, BELGIANS, AND BRITISH. HOWEVER, GARDINI SAID THAT OTHER BRIEFINGS HAD NOT MENTIONED DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU AND HE ASKED IF IT HAD BEEN MADE. CHARGE' REPLIED THAT WE HAD NOT FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT IT. IN ADDITION, ZAIRE WAS MAJOR TOPIC ADDRESSED AT JUNE 13 EC LUNCH IN COPENHAGEN . GARDINI CHARACTERIZED EC AS PHILOSOPHICALLY DIVIDED ON ZAIRE AS ON AFRICAN QUESTIONS IN GENERAL WITH FRENCH ANXIOUS TO PRESERVE STATUS QUO AND DUTCH AND OTHER "NORDICS" WILLING TO SPONSOR ALMOST ANY NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT THAT COME ALONG. SMALLER EC MEMBERS MEANWHILE ARE ANXIOUS NOT TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY EXERCISE WHICH MIGHT ENTAIL FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS FROM THEM. ITALIANS BELIEVE CORRECT POSITION LIES SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN AND SEE THEIR MAJOR INTEREST ON SECURITY SIDE IN PROTECTING ITALIAN NATIONALS LIVING IN ZAIRE AND ON ECONOMIC SIDE IN GETTING DEBTS PAID. WITH THEIR MAJOR POLITICAL INTERESTS IN AFRICA CONNCENTRATED ON HORN. ITALIANS DO NOT FEEL AS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ZAIRE SITUATION AS DO SOME OTHER EUROPEANS. WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT GARDINI UNDERSTOOD OUR BRIEFING AS EXPRESSION OF OUR OWN VIEWS.

3. RACHELE SAID THAT MFA FELT PARIS MEETING USEFUL ALTHOUGH HE ADDED THAT NOT ONLY WAS IDEA OF PAN-AFRICAN SECURITY FORCE ANATHEMA TO ITALIANS BUT EVEN INVOLVEMENT IN SHABE WAS CONSIDERED UNFORTUNATE EMERGENCY MEASURE WHICH SHOULD BE TERMINATED ASAP. ITALIANS RECOGNIZE PSYCHOLOGICAL NEED  
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OF EUROPEAN RESIDENTS FOR FOREIGN TROOP PRESENCE BUT BELIEVE THAT LONG RANGE EFFECT ON RELATIONS BETWEEN AFRICA AND WEST WILL BE HARMFUL. REACTION OF NUMBER OF MODERATE STATES INCLUDING NIGERIA, SIERRA, LEONE, TANZANIA, AND KENYA SHOW THIS TO BE THE CASE AND WEST CAN EXPECT TO COME IN FOR HEAVY CRITICISM AT KHARTOUM OAU MEETING. RACHELE ADDED THAT MFA FEELS THAT WEST HAS GREATLY IMPROVED POSITION IN AFRICA OVER PAST YEAR, FAR BEYOND POINT HE IMAGINED POSSIBLE AND THAT WE MUST NOT NOW JEOPARDIZE THIS PROGRESS BY HASTY ACTION WHICH CAN ONLY ALIENATE OUR FRIENDS AND POLARIZE CONTINENT.

4. AS TO BRUSSELS MEETING, RACHELE SAID ITALIANS ARE GOING IN POSITIVE MOOD AND ARE WILLING TO BE HELPFUL TO ZAIRE IF GOZ PRESENT S WELL-CONCEIVED PLAN IF GUARANTEES IN THE FORM OF INTERNATIONAL INSPECTORS EXIST TO ASSURE THAT ASSISTANCE IS NOT ABUSED IF POLITICAL REFORMS ARE UNDERTAKEN AND IT ZAIRE MAKES EFFORT TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES WITH NEIGHBORS, PRINCIPALLY ANGOLA. HOLMES

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